

Skukuza symposium

9-13 October 2006

Proposed actions

(a) *General*

1. Redefine IUCN protected areas, add freshwater examples, & participate in March 2007 Barcelona Taskforce (**Jeff P**, Dirk R, Richard K, Carmen R). Deadline – March 2007.
2. Have a number of participants join the World Commission on Protected Areas and seek to establish a freshwater taskforce to promote protected area systems for freshwater conservation as discussed here. **Jeff P** to check strategy and to provide clarity on what it entails to be part of the WCPA. Likely participants: Jeff P, Stuart B, Jamie P, Jonathon H, Harry B, Mao A, Richard K. Deadline – December 2006.
3. An analysis of the adequacy of the existing coverage of freshwater habitats in protected areas will be undertaken by **Carmen R**, Jamie R, Janet S, Tim B, Stuart B & Mao A by November 2008.
4. Formulate set of questions / research agenda for dissemination to solicit researchers / students to tackle priority issues. **Robin A** may prepare related paper
5. **Robin A**, Michele T and Jonathan H to define/draft measures / units for freshwater conservation by end 2006
6. Decide on a group name, future focus, and venue and theme for a 2008 meeting. Organize interim meeting during SCB 2007 Conference to take these issues forward and to check on progress regarding proposed actions (Josh V and Dirk R).

(b) *Capacity building:*

7. Finalize adaptive management process guidelines for optimal conservation of freshwater biodiversity in protected areas (**Harry B**, Richard K). Deadline – December 2006.
8. Adapt for global use the place-based freshwater conservation options triangle diagram (**Jeff P**, Robin A, Stuart B). Deadline – December 2006.
9. Develop a manual and guidelines for countries to implement protected area systems for freshwater conservation. Coordinator: **Nigel Dudley**? Writers: Michele T, Jonathon H, Robin A, Jamie P, Jose ?, Nigel D? Editorial group: WPCA, WWF, TNC, Ramsar, CBD. Meeting at Ramsar Standing Committee in February 2007. Complete by 30 April 2007. Translate into French & Spanish?

(c) *Awareness raising/outreach:*

10. Develop free-flowing rivers criteria, guidelines and case studies, and develop a place where designated free-flowing rivers can be registered and celebrated (**Jamie P**, Carmen R, Michele T). Deadline – criteria & guidelines for December 2006, CBD & Ramsar discussions by June 2007.
11. Place existing method and case study materials for gap analysis on website: www.protectedareas.info (Jeff P to chase). Deadline – December 2006.
12. Package & disseminate material, increase awareness of national governments. WWF and TNC to raise dissemination as a priority issue at CBD and WCPA. Jamie P and Jeff P to take lead in working out how dissemination should be taken forward.
13. Publish note on outcomes of the meeting (Robin A, Josh V). Draft submitted by December 2006

14. Adopt a conference statement (now), put on website www.waternet.co.za/rivercons (**Dirk R**)
15. Produce common PowerPoint for general use. (**Pete A**). Deadline – December 2006.
16. Develop plain language document that outlines the freshwater conservation cause, preferably by World Wetlands Day, 2 February 2007. (**Tim H**, with assistance from WWF and TNC).